CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication:	-6489338488583724395.jpg
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OFLC ref:	1900105.002
Medium:	Image File
Publisher:	Not stated
Country of origin:	Not stated
Language:	English
Applicant:	New Zealand Defence Force Military Police
Classification:	Objectionable.
Descriptive note:	None
Display conditions:	None
Date of entry in Register:	21 June 2019
Date of direction to issue a label:	No direction to issue a label has been issued
Date of notice of decision:	21 June 2019

Summary of reasons for decision:

The image file graphically depicts the aftermath of a violent death and degrades and dehumanises its subject to a high degree by the addition of flippant text. It is likely to shock and disturb people of any age or to inure them to real life suffering. The classification of objectionable places a severe limitation on the right to freedom of expression set out in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990, but is a reasonable limit on that right given the high risk of injury to the public good if the image were to be made available.